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BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 755
New York, New York 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

IT IS ORDERED that counsel to whom this Memo Endorsement is sent is responsible for faxing or otherwise delivering promptly a copy to all counsel and unrepresented parties and filing a certificate of such service within 5 days from the date hereof. Do not fax such certification to Chambers.

Re: *United States v. Luis Velasquez,*
07 Cr. 549 (LTS)

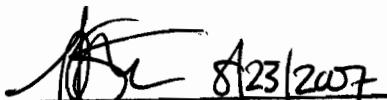
Dear Judge Swain:

The above-referenced case is currently scheduled for a status conference before Your Honor on Monday, August 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. By this letter, I wish to inform the Court that the Government has decided to file a Superseding Misdemeanor Information in this case. Defense counsel consents to proceeding before a Magistrate Judge. I have also spoken to Your Honor's law clerk, who has indicated that this is Your Honor's practice for cases involving misdemeanors.

Should the Court refer the case to Magistrates' Court, the Government respectfully requests that the status conference scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. be cancelled.

The Matter is hereby referred to
Magistrate's Court and the
August 27, 2007 conference is
cancelled.

SO ORDERED.


8/23/2007
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Respectfully submitted,

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